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SUBJECT: AKROPOLIS REVIEWS RECORD OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S
THREE MONTHS IN POWER

1. SUMMARY. AKROPOLIS (PRO-GOG) IN EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 24
ENUMERATED PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEW GOG AS REVISION
OF CONSTITUTION, ENACTMENT OF FIVE CONSTITUENT ACTS,
REESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL ORDER, AMNESTY OF THOSE ARRESTED
IN CONNECTION WITH LAST NOVEMBER'S RIOTS AND NEW ADMINISTRATION'S
ATTITUDE OF "MILD DOMESTIC POLICY AND TREND TO LEAD NATION TO
NORMALITY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN ABSENCE OF REACTION AGAINST
GREECE FROM ABROAD."

2. STRIKING POSITIVE TONE, AKROPOLIS (POPULAR, RIGHTIST
MORNING NEWSPAPER) REVIEWED ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEW GOG AFTER
THREE MONTHS IN POWER AND NOTED NEW ADMINISTRATION'S
DETERMINATION TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS
CONFRONTING NATION. ACCOMPLISHMENTS SIGNLED OUT INCLUDED
REVISING OF CONSTITUTION AND ENACTMENT OF FIVE CONSTITUENT ACTS
WHICH ABOLISHED PRESIDENTIAL SUPERPOWERS AND CONSTITUTIONAL
COURT, REORGANIZING GREEK BUREAUCRACY AND DEFINING CAREFULLY
ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER ACTS OF MINISTERS AND DEPUTY
MINISTERS. EDITORIAL ALSO CITED RESTORATION OF INTERNAL ORDER
FOLLOWING POLYTECHNION INCIDENTS AND LENIENCY MEASURES
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PROVIDING FOR RELEASE OF ALL THOSE DETAINED WHO HAD PLAYED

LEADING PART IN POLYTECHNION INCIDENTS."

3. TURNING TO ECONOMIC POLICY AKROPOLIS SAID GOG AIM IS TO CHECK INFLATIONARY TRENDS AND TO SATISFY WAGE EARNERS AND PENSIONERS WITH SPECIFIC ADVANTAGEOUS MEASURES. EDITORIAL NOTED INTERNATIONAL FUEL CRISIS HAS BEEN MET WITH MILD RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IN GREECE WHICH WERE FAR LESS AUSTERE THAN CORRESPONDING STEPS IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN POLICY, AKROPOLIS EMPHASIZED KEYSTONE IS GREECE'S ADHERENCE TO ITS ALLIANCES AND ITS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. "AN ATTITUDE OR MILD POLICY AT HOME, COUPLED WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION'S TREND TO LEAD NATION TO NORMAL DEVELOPMENTS HAS RESULTED IN LACK OF REACTION ABROAD AGAINST GREECE."

4. AKROPOLIS ALSO LISTED "OTHER IMPORTANT STEPS" OF NEW GOVERNMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL OF PRODUCER CLASSES, ABOLITION OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF CIVIL SERVANTS, EXPERIMENTATION IN ADOPTION OF CONTINUOUS WORK SCHEDULE AND DECISION ON UNDERGROUND RAILWAY ALONG WITH EXPANSION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM. EDITORIAL SIGNED OFF BY POINTING OUT MAIN FEATURE OF NEW SITUATION IS COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF ARMED FORCES OF NOVEMBER 25 GOVERNMENT AND ABSENCE OF PERSONAL PROJECTION OF THOSE HANDLING PUBLIC AFFAIRS WHO WILL PURSUE ONLY INTERESTS OF NATION. "CONTINUATION OF SUCH CLIMATE PERMITS FORECAST THAT GREECE WILL BE LEAD TO FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY STATEMENT." (REFERENCE IS TO PM ANDROUTSOPOULOS' SPEECH NOVEMBER 28 - ATHENS-8401).
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